FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 16, 1866.

THE tomb of ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON, at New Orleans, was decorated with flowers and immortelles on All Saints Day. The following is the inscription upon the tomb:

IN MEMORIAM.
Behind this stone is laid
For a season,
ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON, For a season,

ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON,

A General in the Army of the Confederate States,
Who tell at Shiroh, Tennessee,
On the Sixth Day of April, A. D.
Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-Two.
A Man tried in many high Offices
And Critical Einterprises,
And count faithful in all;

Hie Life was one long Sacrifice of Interest to Conscience,
And even that Life on a woful Sabbath,
Did he yield as a holocaust at his Country's need.
Not wholly understood was be, while he lived;
But, in his Death, his Greatness stands confessed
In People's Tears,
Resolute, Moderate, clear of Envy, yet not wanting
In that time Ambition which makes hien great and pure;
Is his Simplicity sublime,
No Country c'er had a truer Son; no Cause a nobler
Chapion;
No Peeple a bolder Defender; no principle a purer
Victim,
Than the dead Soldier
Who sleeps lance.
The Cause for which he perished is lost;
The people for whom he fought are crushed;
The Hopes in which he trusted are shattered:
The Flag he loved guides no - ore the charging lines;
But his Fame, consigned to the keeping of that Time,
Which,
Happily, is not so much the Tomb of Virtue as its Shrine,
Shall in the years to come, fire Modest Worth to Noble
Ends.

In Honor now, our great Captain rests;
A bereaved Country mourns him;
Three communities proudly claim him,
And History shall cherish him
Among the choicer spirits who, holding their Conscience
Unmixed with Blame,
Have been, in all conjunctures, true to Themselves, their
People and their God.

GREAT MASTODON DISCOVERY.

[Correspondence New York Herald.]

TROY, November 11.—The scientific world is quite likely to be thoroughly aroused by the recent discoveries in the domain of natural history at Cohoes, the menufacturing village immediately adjacent to this city. During the process of an excavation some weeks since, on the site of a mill to be newly creeted, a mammoth jaw bone was found about one hundred feet from the banks of the Mohawk River, embedded at a distance of sixty-five feet below the surface of the earth, and being taken up at once, excited the attention of the naturalists not only of this vicinity, but likewise far and wide. The length of the law was thirty-two inches, twenty inches in width, and weighed somewhat more than forty-six pounds.

On Thursday last the remains of a complete skeleton of a huge mastedon were discovered eighteen feet further down in the same excavation, and the attendant naturalists of Yale and Union Colleges and the Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute of this city, are fully confirmed in the opinion that the frame can be made quite perfect. The remains have been carefully gathered together in the mill of the Harmony Company, cleaned and oiled, and it is expected that they will be viewed and pronounced upon during the coming week by Professor Louis Agassiz, the learned naturalist and savant of Harvard University. The jaw of the mastodon is four feet nine inches in length from the mouth to the cranium, to which a portion of the back bone and jaw are still connected. The cranium rises very like that of an elephant. The two tusks each measure eight feet in length, and their true position is well marked on the upper jaw. The hip bone is five feet long and weighs one hundred pounds, while the shoulder blades measure ten feet nine inches, and weight about fifty pounds each. The under jaw already alluded to as having been found some weeks since, precisely fits the upper jaw now exhumed, and the ribs are found to be four feet and a half in length, and, as before stated, the fossilists are of the opinion that the comp eted frame will form a most essential and grave contribution to the science of natural history. eighteen feet further down in the same excavation

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The measurements show that the animal must have stood at least fifteen feet in height, and have been a little upwards of twenty feet in length, independent of the tusks already stated to be each eight feet in length. Professor Marsh, of the Yale College Scientific School, gives it as his well grounded opinion that the remains discovered are those of a great North American Mastodon, comparing in all its parts fully with the description of the animal given in the scientific works, as follows:—"The animal has the vaulted and cellular skull of the elephant, with large tusks in the upper jaw, and heavy form. From the character of the nasal bones, and the shortness of the head and neck, it has been concluded it had a trunk."

Whenever similar remains have been discovered on this continent, the fact has never failed to awaken the deepest interest, not only in this country, but in Europe. Fragments were first discovered as early as the year 1705, and in 1801 the first comparatively complete skeleton of a mastodon was found somewhere in Orange county, I am told, and immediately transported to London, returned and kept on exhibition in Philadelphia for some years. Dr. Warren, of Harvard College, is said to be in possession of a large part of another frame, and in 1845 it is stated that a large and valuable collection of mastodon bones were found on the banks of the Mississippi River, and having been wired together, were exhibited throughout the country and in London as the great Missosourium. Harvard University is also in possession of a mastodon skeleton, independent of that belonging to Dr. Warren, and it is alleged that specimens of the primeval species have been found in several of the Patters, but in no instance anything like as perfect as the one now developed at Cohoes. Scientific investigations upon this controverted subject have been widely extended and m

insorial earth. Some have thought that the mastodons became extinct since the advent of man on the earth.

According to Lyell, the period of their destruction, though geologically modorn, must have been many thousand years ago. The same causes probably acted in their extinction as in the case of the fossil elephant, perhaps partly climatic changes or, more probably, some great convulsion on the surface of the globe at an epoch anterior to man. A distinguished natural historian says: "One of the principal deposits of mastodon bones appears to have been the Big Bone Lick in the north part of Kentucky, near the Ohio, whence the mastodon has been called 'the animal of the Ohio.' None of the remains have the appearance of having been rolled, but seem to have been unmoved since the death of the animal; and it is worthy of remark that those which were found at the river of the Great Osage, which runs into the Missouri a little above its confluence with the Mississippi, were in a vertical position, as if the animals had been bogged or buried in the soil."

Parkinson, in his Organic Remains, adds: "The country in which these remains (mastodons) are found, is like an immense plain, bordered on every side by mountains. On digging into the morasses, where these boxes are found, the following strata are generally met with: One or two feet of peat, one or two feet of sell marl. In the grey rearl the bones are generally found.

The soil in which the discovery at Cohoes was found answers Parkinson's description in the above quotation exactly.

It thus appears that a great and permanent contribution is about to be made to science, and that in the bosom of the State of New York has been found the most important discovery tending to clucidate natural history made in mapy, many

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